

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.
Director

SUSAN KERR
Chief Deputy Director

RODERICK SHANER, M.D.
Medical Director

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

GLORIA MOLINA
YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE
ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
DON KNABE
MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

<http://dmh.co.la.ca.us>

550 SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90020

Reply To: (213) 738-4108
Fax: (213) 386-1297

September 20, 2004

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

SUBJECT: **RESTORATION OF \$2.2 MILLION CURTAILMENT FOR CRISIS INTERVENTION, MEDICATION SUPPORT, AND RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES FOR THE UNINSURED**

On June 21, 2004, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, your Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Director of Mental Health to report back to the Board by September 30, 2004, with a recommendation regarding restoration of a \$2.2 million curtailment in General Mental Health Services for the uninsured from unanticipated savings realized from other County departments or other accounts. The \$2.2 million curtailment included \$800,000 for crisis intervention, \$900,000 for medication support, and \$500,000 for residential care.

I am pleased to report that the \$2.2 million in curtailments will be proposed for restoration in the Supplemental Budget actions that will be recommended by the CAO at the September 28, 2004, Board meeting. Funding for restoration of the curtailments became available after adoption by your Board of the 2004-05 Budget due to the receipt of \$9.9 million in additional ongoing Vehicle License Fee (VLF) Realignment Revenue. The CAO will be further recommending using the additional ongoing VLF Realignment Revenue to restore most of the remaining General Mental Health Services curtailments included in the Department of Mental Health 2004-05 Adopted Budget. This action is consistent with the restoration priorities adopted during our Stakeholder process.

Staff questions regarding this action may be referred to Susan Kerr at (213) 738-4108.

MJS:SK:tld

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Health Deputies

2.2M.mao